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Dear Attorney Hesse,

It is my understanding that the Justice Department is recommending a settlement agreement in the Microsoft case to Judge Kollar Kotelly that is amicable to both sides. I think that is a wise move for our country and the economy at this time.

I fully support the Justice Department enforcing the antitrust laws, and the pursuit of Microsoft if they were deemed to be in violation. However, if the federal lawyers believe that the settlement properly punishes Microsoft, as well as establishes measures to make sure it doesn't happen again, then isn't this sort of compromise what we should hope for? If the Microsoft rivals seek more remedies specific to their businesses then that is not the public interest being served. Crippling this major innovator and job producer shouldn't be anyone's goal.

I have the vantage point of being someone who has co-founded a national trade association in the high-tech field, as well as having served as an Assessor in a town with many high-tech businesses. I can state with confidence that what the economy needs now is a healthy Microsoft and its competitors all returning to the business of designing and selling software and systems. I hope this settlement helps to achieve that.

Sincerely,


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